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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/460,511, filed June 02, 1995, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 08/486,968, filed June 07, 1995, now issued as Patent No. 5,707,605; U.S.S.N.

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08/971,855, filed November 17, 1997, now abandoned; U.S.S.N. 09/134,072, filed August 13, 1998, now issued as Patent No. 5,980,862; U.S.S.N. 09/405,046, filed September 27, 1999.

2. U.S.S.N. 08/690,612, filed July 31, 1996, now Patent No. 5,900,228; U.S.S.N. 09/100,555, filed June 19, 1998, now Patent No. 6,123,921; and U.S.S.N. 09/628, 386 filed August 01, 2000.

3. U.S.S.N. 09/716,178, filed November 16, 2000.

4. U.S.S.N. 09/715,859, filed November 17, 2000.

5. U.S.S.N. 09/179,927, filed October 27, 1998 and U.S.S.N. 09/716,175, filed November 16, 2000.

6. U.S.S.N. 09/908,436, filed July 17, 2001.

7. U.S.S.N. 09/972,302, filed October 04, 2001.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of a national stage, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be

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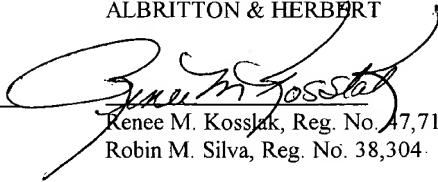
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